(ख) जी, नहीं ।

(ग) और (घ) प्रश्न ही नहीं उठते ।

Gadbury's Apple Project

2895. SKRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT; Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the reasons that the Cadbury's Apple Project and HPMC Project did not succeed in exporting their products;

(b) what was their export target and how far it was achieved; and

(c) whether the Punjab Agro-Pepsi has any plan fo'r export to benefit the Punjab farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) and (b) M/s. Cadbury (I) Ltd., Bombay was issued an industrial licence on 14-6-1979 for manufacture of apple juice concentrate with a capacity of processing 10,000 tonnes of apple. As per the condition stipulated in the licence, the company was to export concentrate for a total f.o.b, value of Rs. 44 lakhs for a period of 5 years or for a total f.o.b, value equivalent to the total amount of foreign exchange spent by them on import of capital goods, raw materials etc. whichever was greater. This factory was located in the State of Jammu & Kashmir. M/s. Cadbury India Ltd. exported concentrate in 1981 and 1982 at a value of Rs. 87 lakhs. In the year 1983 the name of the company was changed to M/s. Hindustan Cocoa Products Ltd. Due to uneconomic operation and continuous losses during the last 3 years the company decided to close the plant with effect from 20-9-1983. Undisposed stock of the value of Rs. 38.57 lakhs

was exported during 1984. During 1985 this plant was taken over by J and K Horticulture Produce Marketing Corporation (J&K HPMC). The Corporation exported 97.2 M.T. of apple juice concentrate valued at Rs. 9.16 lakhs to U.S. recently. HPMC has exported 29.7 tonnes of apple juice concentrate valued at Rs. 4.76 lakhs during 1987.

(c) Yes, Sir. Punjab Agro-Pepsico Tata Joint Venture has undertaken export obligation of 50 per cent of its turn-ever over a period of 10 years. This export shall be achieved primarily through the assistance of Pepsico's world-wide marketing net work.

Annual Budget of Research institute in Punjab

2896. SHRl DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT; SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total annual budget this year of the various Research Institutes operating in Punjab which are developing agriculture and horticulture;

(b) what is the Punjab Agro-budget for Agro Research;

(c) what development in agriculture and horticulture is envisaged f°r tha Punjab Agro Pepsi Research Centre; and

(d) what is the reason that the Government Research Institute with such, a large budget is not able to develop the horticulture and agriculture in Punjab?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE3 DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Out of the total budget estimate of Rs. 24.69 crores of Punjab Agricultural University during 1987-88, the

budget earmarked for research in agriculture and horticulture and allied subjects was Rs. 10.35 crores. In addition ICAR provides support for regional/sub-stations/centres of its institutes located in Punjab.

(b) The Punjab Agro-Industries Corporation has a total budget of Rs. 1.64 crores for five years in the Project Pepsico out of which Rs. 0.59 crores will be capital expenditure and Rs. 1.05 crores operating expenditure.

(c) The Punjab Agro-Pepsico Project aims to revitalise the agro based economy of Punjab (i) by initiating diversification from traditional cropping to more remunerative horticultural crops (ii) by increasing producity and yields through research and extension in horticultural crops and oilseeds (iii) by assuring demand for increased production by setting up processing plants to avoid crop wastage (iv) by providing for assured marhetmg of processed products both for export and domestic market.

(d) The imputation that Government research infrastructure with a large budget is not able to develop agriculture and horticulture in Punjab is Hot correct. The Punjab Agricultural University is providing all the necessary research back-up to the agricultural and horticultural development in Punjab.

Annual expenditure on Research by the Agricultural Research Institutes in punjab

2897. SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT: SHRI KAPIL VERMA;

Will the Ministe'r of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the annual revenue expenditure on research by the various Agriculture and Horticulture Research Institutes in Punjab for the last 3 years;

(b) whether it is a fact that the Punjab Agro-Pepsi proposal project's annual revenue expenditure on research is less than Rs. 25 lakhs; and

(c) if so, what benefits are expected?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be placed on the Table of Rajya Sabha.

Drilling for Drinking Water in Gujarat

2898. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that some three hundred bores were drilled for getting drinking water in Rajkot but eighty per cent of them have failed, if not what is the correct position;

(b) how many bores were undertaken this year in Kutch and Saurashtra regions and how many of them are operating now;

(c) what is the cost of drilling one bore; and

(d) what are the comparative figures with regard to the other drought-hit States of Rajasthan, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI RAMANAND YADAV): (a) No, Sir. 250 Nos. 100 mm dia bores were drilled in Rajkot city during 1985-86. Out of these bores, 75 per cent were found successful. Due to failure of 3rd consecutive monsoon and scanty rainfall, according to State Government report the ground water has not been recharged and therefore, 80 per cent of successful bores have dried up and only 20 per cent of them are yielding water at present.